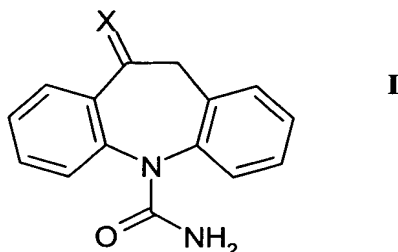


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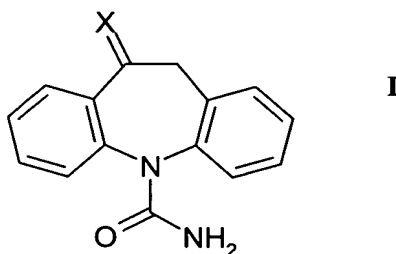
**CLAIMS**

1. (original) A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pain, which comprises in combination oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I



wherein X is =O or -OH, the bond between the azepine ring and X being a double bond when X is =O and a single bond when X is -OH, and a COX-2 inhibitor for simultaneous, sequential or separate use.

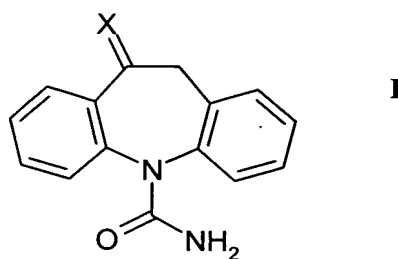
2. (canceled)
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4. (original) A method of treating a patient suffering from pain comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I, ~~as defined above,~~



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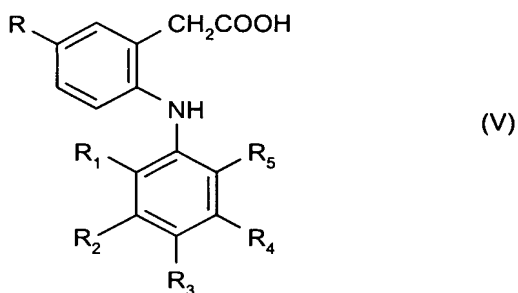
wherein X is =O or -OH, the bond between the azepine ring and X being a double bond when X is =O and a single bond when X is -OH, and an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor.

5. (currently amended) A package comprising oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I ~~as defined in claim 1, together with instructions for use~~



wherein X is =O or –OH, the bond between the azepine ring and X being a double bond when X is =O and a single bond when X is –OH, for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I is used in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain, or a package comprising a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said COX-2 inhibitor is used together with instructions for use in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined above in claim 1, for treatment of pain.

6. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the COX-2 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of rofecoxib, etoricoxib, celecoxib, valdecoxib, parecoxib, ~~or~~ and a 5-alkyl-2-arylaminophenylacetic acid derivative COX-2 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or any hydrate thereof.
7. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the COX-2 inhibitor is a compound of formula V



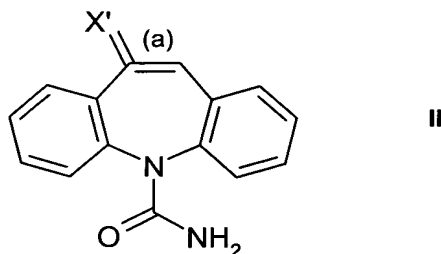
wherein R is methyl or ethyl;

R<sub>1</sub> is chloro or fluoro;

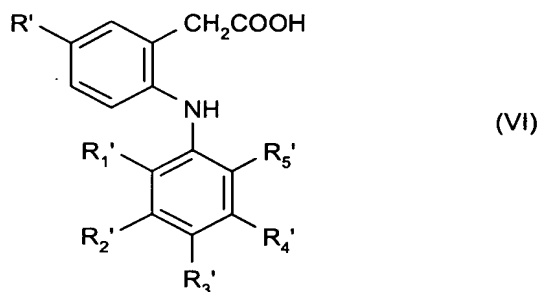
$R_2$  is hydrogen or fluoro;  
 $R_3$  is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;  
 $R_4$  is hydrogen or fluoro; and  
 $R_5$  is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl,  
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

8. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 7 in which the COX-2 inhibitor is 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid,  
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

9. (original) A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pain, which comprises in combination oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II



wherein  $X'$  is =O, -OH or H, the bond between the azepine ring and  $X'$  being a double bond when  $X'$  is =O and a single bond when  $X'$  is -OH or H and the bond (a) of the azepine ring being a single bond when  $X'$  is =O or -OH and a double bond when  $X'$  is H, and a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI



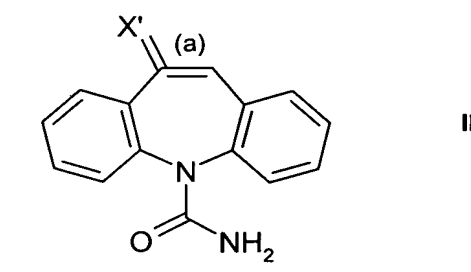
wherein  $R'$  is methyl or ethyl;  
 $R_1'$  is chloro or fluoro;  
 $R_2'$  is hydrogen or fluoro;  
 $R_3'$  is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

$R_4'$  is hydrogen or fluoro; and  
 $R_5'$  is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl;  
for simultaneous, sequential or separate use.

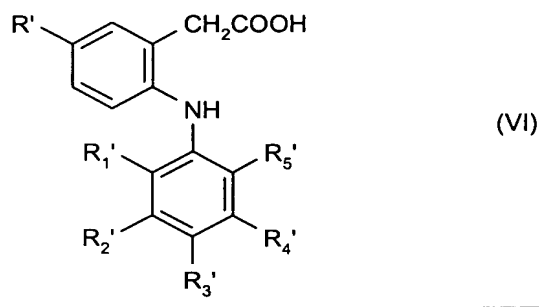
10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A method of treating a patient suffering from pain comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined above,



wherein  $X'$  is =O, -OH or H, the bond between the azepine ring and  $X'$  being a double bond when  $X'$  is =O and a single bond when  $X'$  is -OH or H and the bond (a) of the azepine ring being a single bond when  $X'$  is =O or -OH and a double bond when  $X'$  is H, and an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9



wherein  $R'$  is methyl or ethyl;

$R_1'$  is chloro or fluoro;

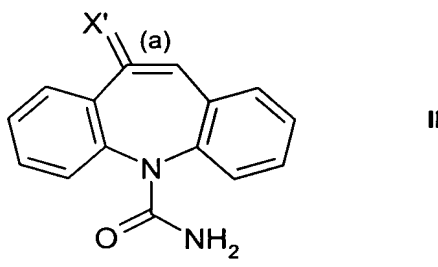
$R_2'$  is hydrogen or fluoro;

R<sub>3</sub>' is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

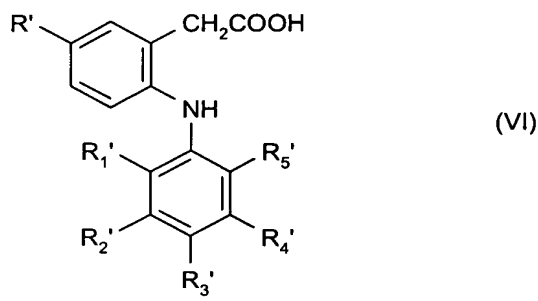
R<sub>4</sub>' is hydrogen or fluoro; and

R<sub>5</sub>' is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl.

13. (currently amended) A package comprising oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II ~~as defined in claim 9, together with instructions for use~~



wherein X' is =O, -OH or H, the bond between the azepine ring and X' being a double bond when X' is =O and a single bond when X' is -OH or H and the bond (a) of the azepine ring being a single bond when X' is =O or -OH and a double bond when X' is H, for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II is used in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI ~~as defined in claim 9~~



wherein R' is methyl or ethyl;

R<sub>1</sub>' is chloro or fluoro;

R<sub>2</sub>' is hydrogen or fluoro;

R<sub>3</sub>' is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

R<sub>4</sub>' is hydrogen or fluoro; and

R<sub>5</sub>' is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl for treatment of pain, or a package comprising a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined above for treatment of pain according to a method wherein said COX-2 inhibitor is used ~~in claim 9~~

~~together with instructions for use~~ in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined above ~~in claim 9, for treatment of pain.~~

14. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9-13~~ in which the COX-2 inhibitor is 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid,  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
15. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9-14~~ in which the carbamazepine derivative is oxcarbazepine.
16. (currently amended) A composition ~~method, use or package~~ according to claim 9 ~~any one of claims 9-14~~ in which the carbamazepine derivative is 10-hydroxy-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenz(b,f)azepine-5-carboxamide.